

because he was fined in connection with prostitution. So it is clear that men are going to be treated more leniently. My amendment would take away one of the methods by which one party or the other can obtain more lenient treatment. We should have a philosophy in this Legislature when it comes to prostitution, even if we don't apply it to any other offense, that both parties will have to be convicted. There is no way for one party to be innocent and the other guilty when you cannot have the crime without two guilty people, but if the man can afford to hire a high-priced lawyer, then he is going to have a better chance at beating the charge. So if a man gets one of these high-priced lawyers and he has been involved with a woman who is going to be charged with prostitution and he obtains an acquittal, then the charges against the female should be dropped automatically. Should she be so unfortunate as to have to go before the bar of injustice before the man and she winds up being convicted, if after her trial the man is acquitted, then her conviction should be overturned and there should be no punishment imposed on her even following a conviction until after the man's trial and we see what the outcome of that is. If I want to clap my hands, I cannot do it with one hand. The same way with prostitutions and with certain other crimes. If a person is going to be convicted of receiving stolen property, the property must have first been stolen. So what I am hoping that you will do is adopt this amendment, and then we can proceed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I don't know...I guess first of all I would like to ask Senator Chambers, what is your amendment, Senator Chambers?

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, would you like to respond to that question, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I didn't hear the question, Senator. I was looking at a note.

SENATOR SMITH: What is your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would say, as the one did on General File, that one party to the act cannot testify against the other.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, and I don't know whether I should speak to